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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KING SOBHUZA TO PRESIDENT NIXON

ACKNOWLEDGING GIFT OF MOON ROCK

REFS: A) STATE 129074; B) MBABANE 1394

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JULY 26 FROM KING SOBHUZA II TO PRESIDENT NIXON ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF MAY 21 ACCOMPANYING MOON ROCK FROM APOLLO 17 MISSION. LETTER ACKNOWLEDGES GIFT WITH GRATITUDE AND PRAISES U. S. ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS "SMALL WORLD" PROGRAM WHICH BROUGHT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO WITNESS APOLLO 17 MISSION.

2. LETTER GOES ON TO DISCUSS STATE DEPARTMENT INVITATIONS TO VISIT U. S. (EDX INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM). HIS MAJESTY STATES ONE RECENT VISIT WAS OF UNIQUE SIGNIFICANCE AND PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED HIM. THIS WAS VISIT OF UNEDUCATED SWAZI COUNCILLOR (PRINCE INCABANISO). HIS
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MAJESTY HESITATED AT NOMINATION OF ILLITERATE

PERSON "WEARING TRADITIONAL HEADRING". HOWEVER U. S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID "U. S. NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE" BUT INVITED ANYBODY WHETHER EDUCATED OR NOT SO LONG AS TWO PEOPLES WOULD BENEFIT FROM TRIP. KING STATED THAT COUNCILLOR, ALTHOUGH UNEDUCATED WAS WISE, INFLUENTIAL, AND CLOSE TO SWAZI NATION; HE RETURNED FROM TRIP TO U. S. WITH WONDERFUL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE SHOWING THAT "BOOK EDUCATION IS GOOD BUT NOT THE ONLY EDUCATION." HE HAD LEARNED FOR EXAMPLE THAT AID GIVEN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY MUST BE USED FOR THE PROJECT FOR WHICH IT WAS GIVEN, AND THAT THE GOAL OF AID IS TO DEVELOP SO AS TO BECOME LESS DEPENDENT ON FURTHER AID. DEPENDING ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOREVER BRINGS DANGER OF RECIPIENT NATION BECOMING AN ECONOMIC SATELLITE OF DONOR NATION. KING WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH COUNCILLOR'S EXPERIENCE THAT HE DECIDED TO RECOUNT IT AT LENGTH TO SWAZI PUBLIC IN HIS BIRTHDAY SPEECH AT MANKAYANE (REFTEL B).

3. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AF/S.

4. PRESENTATION OF MOON ROCK WAS MADE THROUGH PRIVATE SECRETARY TO KING JULY 26 OWING TO CONTINUED INDISPOSITION OF HIS MAJESTY WITH INFLUENZA.

5. DECON ON RECEIPT.
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